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SUBJECT: IBA-FIRST FULL DAY OF CONFERENCE (11/5) DEALS WITH
SEATING OF DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

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1. IN FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF IBA CONFERENCE (TUESDAY 11/5)
DELEGATES FROM AUSTRALIA, GUINEA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, SIERRA LEONE,
SURINAM, AND YUGOSLAVIA DEALT WITH SEATING OF OBSERVERS AND CON-
FIRMATION OF GUDA AS SEC GEN. OBSERVER STATUS WAS CONFIRMED ON
REPRESENTATIVES OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GHANA AND HAITI, BUT NO
RPT NO DECISION TAKEN ON THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.
OPPOSITION AROSE TO SEATING OF GREEK DELEGATION AS OBSERVERS
BECAUSE ITS REPRESENTATIVES SO FAR ARE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
(GEORGE COUMOULOS AND GEORGE BARLOS) RATHER THAN GOVT SPOKESMEN.
AS OF END OF TUESDAY SESSION GREEKS WERE NOT RPT NOT SEATED.
INDIAN GOVT HAS ALSO REQUESTED OBSERVER STATUS BUT ACCORDING TO
HICOM OFFICIAL NO RPT NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING.

2. FROM PRESS AND PRIVATE ACCOUNTS, AS EXPECTED, FIRST DAY SESSION
DID NOT RPT NOT ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, ALTHOUGH JAMAICAN
DELEGATES REPORTEDLY TOOK LEAD AND RAISED QUESTION OF MULTINATIONALS,
URGING MEMBERS TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACTS WITH SAME. JAMAICAN LEADER-
SHIP ROLE WAS ALSO EVIDENT AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY SURINAM DELEGATION
TUESDAY EVENING (11/5). JAMAICANS APPEARED HIGH SPIRITED AND
VOLUBLE, BUT AS WITH OTHER IBA REPS AVOIDED GIVING AWAY ANY PRIVY
INFORMATION, AT MIXED GATHERING OF DELEGATES, OBSERVERS, GOG
OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS, AND CONFERENCE STAFF.

3. COMMENT- IF ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO ISSUES SUCH
AS PRICING, DEALING WITH TRANSNATIONALS, OR OTHER SUBSTANCE ON
FIRST DAY, IT IS CLOSELY HELD SECRET. JAMAICAN DELEGATION SEEMS
TO BE BEST PREPARED OF GROUP, AND WILL PROBABLY BE BEHIND IT IF FOR-
MULATION OF ANY POLICY REGARDING MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS DEVELOPS.
JAMAICANS BROUGHT ALONG TWO OF THEIR OWN INTERPRETERS TO AID CON-
FERENCE EVEN THOUGH GOG OBTAINED TWO PROFESSIONAL ONES FROM VENEZUELA
AND PERU. JAMAICANS HAVE ALSO BROUGHT U.S. CITIZEN FROM PUBLIC
RELATIONS FIRM IN NEW YORK. SINCE WEDNESDAY (11/6) WILL BE ONLY
FULL DAY SESSION REMAINING, (AFTERNOON OF 11/7 TOG HAS LAID ON
TRIP TO GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY PLANT AT LINDEN AND 11/8 MEETING
IS ONLY FOR HALF DAY) UNLESS MATTERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO IBA,
OBSERVERS STATUS, ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS, ETC. CAN BE QUICKLY
RESOLVED, IT MOST LIKELY THAT MAJOR ISSUES OF IBA POLICY WILL NOT
RPT NOT BE FORMULATED.

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